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Re: Marriage of Chandola, No. 80903-5
Erratum 89093-5

Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of Neha Vyas (f/k/a Neha Chandola), I filed an answer to Mr. Chandola's petition for review. I realize that answer includes an error, on page 4, where I inadvertently omitted the word "not" from the last line on the page. The answer already has gone to the printer, unfortunately. Accordingly, I enclose a copy of the page with the correction inserted manually, to make it clear. I would be grateful if you would attach this to the answer. I apologize for the inconvenience.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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the father an ineffective parent, he “actively undermined the mother’s efforts to provide these essential parenting components, resulting in an imbalance that appears to have had adverse consequences for the child.” CP 92.

Both psychologists, numerous friends, the mother and her mother all testified to the harm done to the child because the father could not attend to the child’s needs over his own. See, e.g., I RP 110-111 (P.R.C. clingy, fearful, prone to tantrums); I RP 246 (P.R.C. cranky, somber, tired, “a stressed little girl”); II RP 354-355 (P.R.C. “a tired little girl”); III RP 410 (P.R.C. cranky); IV RP 567-568 (cranky); IV RP 651 (P.R.C. “really closed in”; really fussy and cranky; never got any sleep; seemed fearful, held apart from other children, suspicious).

At trial, no one, not even the father, claimed his conduct was merely a matter of style, with a neutral impact on the child. For example, it is not that the child’s bedtime/daytime schedule was merely different from most; rather, it is that the child’s schedule did not permit her to get the sleep or nutrition she needed to be happy and healthy. See, e.g., I RP 128; II RP 345; III RP 381, 399-400, 408. Likewise, the father continued to feed the child milk by bottle at night, contrary to medical advice, because of his adherence to an

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